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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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39. (NEW) A collapsible storage box for use in a vehicle bed having a front wall and first and second sidewalls, said storage box comprising:

a first panel having a front edge connectable with respect to said front wall so as to be rotatable about a generally horizontal first axis, and a rear edge opposite said front edge;

a second panel having a front edge rotatably connected to said rear edge of said first panel;

said panels configured to be movable between a storage position and a deployed position in which said panels cooperate with said front wall and said sidewalls to form an enclosure in said vehicle bed; and

a track configured to guide movement of said panels between said storage position and said deployed position, said track mountable in said vehicle bed to extend generally rearward from said front wall, with a generally horizontal upper track portion and an inclined track portion extending forward and downward from said horizontal upper track portion.

40. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 39, further comprising a track follower connected to said second panel and configured to engage said track;

said inclined track portion guiding said track follower downward as said track follower moves forward from said horizontal upper track portion, thereby permitting a simultaneous downward angular displacement of said panels.

41. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 39, further comprising a track follower connected to said second panel and configured to engage said track;

wherein said track further comprises a forward track portion located forward of said inclined track portion, said forward track portion directing said track follower upward and closer to said first axis as said track follower is moved forward, thereby reducing an included angle formed by said first panel and said second panel.

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- 42. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 39, wherein said first panel forms a top portion of said enclosure and said second panel forms a rear portion of said enclosure, when said panels are in said deployed position.
- 43. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 39, wherein said panels are oriented generally vertically and said front edge of said first panel is located above said rear edge of said first panel, when said panels are in said storage position.
- 44. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 39, wherein said panels are folded against each other when in said storage position.
- 45. (NEW) A collapsible storage box for use in a vehicle bed having a front wall and first and second sidewalls, said storage box comprising:

a first panel having a front edge rotatably connectable with respect to said front wall, and a rear edge opposite said front edge;

a second panel having a front edge rotatably connected to said rear edge of said first panel;

said panels configured to be movable between a storage position and a deployed position in which said panels cooperate with said front wall and said sidewalls to form an enclosure in said vehicle bed; and

a track configured to guide movement of said panels between said storage position and said deployed position, said track mountable in said vehicle bed to extend generally rearward from said front wall, with a front portion of said track located upward from a rear portion of said track.

- 46. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 45, wherein said front portion of said track comprises a generally horizontal track portion.
- 47. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 46, wherein said rear portion of said track comprises a generally vertical track portion.

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- 48. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 45, wherein said first panel forms a top portion of said enclosure and said second panel forms a rear portion of said enclosure, when said panels are in said deployed position.
- 49. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 45, wherein said panels are oriented generally vertically and said front edge of said first panel is located above said rear edge of said first panel, when said panels are in said storage position.
- 50. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 45, wherein said panels are folded against each other when in said storage position.
- 51. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 46, wherein said front portion of said track further comprises an inclined track portion extending forward and downward from said horizontal track portion.
- 52. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 45, further comprising a track follower connected to said second panel and configured to engage said track.
- 53. (NEW) A collapsible storage box for use in a vehicle bed having a front wall and first and second sidewalls, said storage box comprising:

a first panel having a front edge connectable with respect to said front wall so as to be rotatable about a generally horizontal first axis, and a rear edge opposite said front edge;

a second panel having a front edge rotatably connected to said rear edge of said first panel, and a rear edge opposite said front edge;

said panels configured to be movable between a storage position in which said panels are oriented generally vertically and said first panel extends generally downward from said first axis, and a deployed position in which said panels cooperate with said front wall and said sidewalls to form an enclosure in said vehicle bed; and

a track configured to guide movement of said panels between said storage position and said deployed position, said track mountable in said vehicle bed to form a generally horizontal track portion extending generally rearward from said front wall; Appl. No. Unknown : Filed

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wherein said generally horizontal track portion is configured to hold said panels in an open position in which said rear edge of said second panel is spaced above said vehicle bed.

- The storage box of Claim 53, wherein said first panel forms a top 54. (NEW) portion of said enclosure and said second panel forms a rear portion of said enclosure, when said panels are in said deployed position.
- 55. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 53, wherein said panels are oriented generally vertically and said front edge of said first panel is located above said rear edge of said first panel, when said panels are in said storage position.
- The storage box of Claim 53, wherein said panels are folded 56. (NEW) against each other when in said storage position.
- 57. The storage box of Claim 53, wherein said track further comprises (NEW) a generally vertical track portion located rearward of said generally horizontal track portion.
- 58. The storage box of Claim 53, wherein said track further comprises (NEW) an inclined track portion extending forward and downward from said horizontal track portion.
- 59. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 53, further comprising a track follower connected to said second panel and configured to engage said track.
- A collapsible storage box for use in a vehicle bed having a front 60. (NEW) wall and first and second sidewalls, said storage box comprising:

a first panel having a front edge connectable with respect to said front wall so as to be rotatable about a generally horizontal first axis, and a rear edge opposite said front edge;

a second panel having a front edge rotatably connected to said rear edge of said first panel;

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said panels configured to be movable between a storage position and a deployed position in which said panels cooperate with said front wall and said sidewalls to form an enclosure in said vehicle bed;

a track configured to guide movement of said panels between said storage position and said deployed position; and

a track follower connected to said second panel and configured to engage said track;

said track being mountable in said vehicle bed to extend generally rearward from said front wall, with a forward track portion extending forward of said first axis, said forward track portion directing said track follower upward and closer to said first axis as said track follower is moved forward and said panels approach said storage position, thereby reducing an included angle formed by said first panel and said second panel when they are in said storage position.

- 61. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 60, wherein said first panel forms a top portion of said enclosure and said second panel forms a rear portion of said enclosure, when said panels are in said deployed position.
- 62. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 60, wherein said panels are oriented generally vertically and said front edge of said first panel is located above said rear edge of said first panel, when said panels are in said storage position.
- 63. (NEW) The storage box of Claim 60, wherein said panels are folded against each other when in said storage position.